



COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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Feasibility study to be conducted on proposed adolescent drug treatment facility

LĪHU'E – County officials today announced the start of a feasibility assessment on the proposed adolescent drug treatment and healing facility located in Līhu'e adjacent to Isenberg Tract.

Families First Hawai'i Services, Inc. of Kōloa was awarded a \$50,000 contract to conduct the study.

The assessment will be done in phases and the final report is expected to be completed next spring.

Included in the scope of services for the feasibility study are the following elements:

- Need for services – Determine the number of potential youth ages 12 to 17 from Kaua'i and the neighbor islands that need intensive drug and alcohol treatment services and could be served by such a facility on the Garden Isle.
- Length of stay – Determine the probable length of stay based on insurance and treatment funding options.
- Review intensive adolescent treatment service providers in Hawai'i and the U.S. mainland. Criteria for selecting providers for this study to include: operates in a rural environment; serves an ethnically diverse population with a preference for those that include an indigenous population; and has a long record of success, i.e. 10 years or more.

- Service model options – Explore possible drug treatment service models that would serve the needs of Kaua'i youths.
- Business model recommendations to include:
 - a) Most viable business model
 - b) Ideal number of beds
 - c) Client population projections
 - d) Recommended service model
 - e) Detailed description of facilities needed
 - f) Financing options
 - g) How long it will take for the operation to become self-sustaining
 - h) Long-term sustainability plans

The adolescent drug treatment and healing center is on the list of projects in Mayor Bernard Carvalho Jr.'s Holo Holo 2020 vision for Kaua'i.

The vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.

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